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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/892,404

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: CAPSULE AND METHOD FOR
TREATING OR DIAGNOSING THE
INTESTINAL TRACT

Examiner: B. Szmal

Art Unit: 3736

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 50, 51, 53-88, 95, 140, 142-145) without traverse.

In addition, the Examiner has required an election of species. Applicants disagree with the identified species by the Examiner; for example, the distinction between "Sensor" and "Electrode" since the electrode is claimed as a type of sensor. Therefore, Applicants make the following elections with traverse. Applicants elect the species "Electrode" and within this species elect the species "Impedance". Applicants believe the following claims encompass this elected invention: claims 50, 51, 53-63, 77-80, 85-

88, 95. In the election of species requirement, the Examiner attributed claims 77-80 to the "Sensor" species, however the electrode is claimed as a sensor so claims 77-80 are as applicable to the electrode sensor as to any other specific type of sensor, such as "Pressure", "Optical", "pH", "Strain", etc. Therefore, Applicants have included claims 77-80 in the elected claim set.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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